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For: **CHELATIN CARBENE LIGAND PRECURSORS AND THEIR  
USES IN THE SYNTHESIS OF METATHESIS CATALYSTS**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Please enter this preliminary amendment prior to examination of the enclosed  
Continuation Application.